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EDITORIAL

You are reading the last issue of the International UFO Reporter... as a separate "newsletter" production, that is.

IUR subscribers will soon be receiving "PROBE", a "future science news" magazine published in California. In each issue of PROBE, the contents of the Reporter will be incorporated as a separate UFO section under the editorial direction of J. Allen Hynek and Allan Hendry. In effect, our subscribers will be receiving a full-sized magazine in addition to IUR at no extra cost.

The first few issues of PROBE will appear on a bi-monthly basis, with monthly operation expected in August. Also, the chronological date on the cover will be in advance of the date you will receive. We have insured that the total number of issues IUR subscribers had remaining will be sent out to them. Of course, this means that we will stop accepting funds for subscriptions to IUR as of this issue.

As PROBE is also a newsstand publication, this arrangement will guarantee that responsible information about the UFO phenomenon will reach a far larger audience than the few thousand we have served by mail subscription. We trust our subscribers will recognize the potential benefit to UFOlogy resulting from such a move, and will enjoy receiving a new, expanded magazine format.

J. Allen Hynek

MORE UFOS SELECTED FROM U.S. CASES: Nov. 15 - Dec. 31

A MONTHLY REVIEW OF THE UFO PHENOMENON

FOR THE RECORD

BOOK REVIEW

OVNIS: EL FENOMENO ATERRIZAHE
(UFOs: The Landing Phenomenon)
by Vicente Juan-Ballester Olmos
Plaza & Janes (Barcelona)
1978
382 pp.
$9.00 (U.S.)

Se habla Espagnol? If so, you can order this Spanish hardcover work directly from the publisher (the price includes handling and registered mail). Ballester Olmos is one of Spain's most prominent UFO researchers, and this book is an outgrowth of his catalog of 200 Spanish Close Encounter cases (which is available - in English - from the Center for UFO Studies). The author describes his book as follows:

"This is a study of the problem of Close Encounter observations in my country. The book contains three descriptive chapters of selected, first-hand investigated UFO cases; a chapter on methodology follows, and then there are three more which analyze the spatio-temporal structure of the phenomenon, showing the patterns and features displayed by UFO landings. The book, which is foreworded by Dr. Jacques Vallee, is closed by three appendices, with the database on which the research was done."

Willy Smith, Associate Professor of Physics at Lycoming College has this to say about the book:

" The author... has successfully integrated the results of his studies (of Spanish cases) with the general picture of UFO phenomena, and has done so with a scientific approach seldom seen in books written in Spanish. This effort is a major contribution to the field, with a bibliography of 550 entries that is by itself remarkable."

UFOphiles fluent in Spanish may order the book from:

Export Dept.
Plaza & Janes, S.A.
Virgen de Guadeloupe, 21-33
Esplugas de Llobregat
Barcelona, Spain

BASIC INFORMATION

A MONTHLY REVIEW OF THE UFO PHENOMENON

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HOW WE LEARN OF UFOS:
UFO reports reach us from news departments, civilian organizations and individuals all over the world, but most of our reports stem from the Center for UFO Studies' UFO Hotline. This is a 24-hour, toll-free telephone service for the exclusive use of U.S. law enforcement agencies, FAA facilities, planetaria and other formal channels. It gives us the chance to follow up important cases rapidly for first-hand information with unlimited long-distance capability. Other advantages include:

- pre-screening of practical joke calls,
- immediate summarized descriptions for every sighting, and
- the encouragement of police UFO witnesses to call in.

HOW WE DEFINE UFOS:
Any anomalous aerial phenomena whose appearances and/or behaviors can't be ascribed to conventional natural or man-made sources - not only for the original witnesses but also for analysts who may possess technical qualifications the witnesses lack.

NL - Nocturnal Light: distant anomalous light seen in the night sky.
DD - Daylight Disc: distant objects seen under daylight conditions - often disc-shaped.
RV - Radar/Visual: UFOs seen by radar and vision simultaneously - good agreement between the two accounts is essential.
CE I - Close Encounter of the First Kind: UFO seen within 500 feet.
CE II - Close Encounter of the Second Kind: CE I's that influence the environment - includes physical traces, physiological effects and electromagnetic (EM) interferences
CE III - Close Encounter of the Third Kind: CE I or II associated with creatures, humanoids or robots ("UFOnauts").

ERRATA & CLARIFICATION

- SEPT/OCT., 1979: The location of sighting 4-3-37 is, indeed, 20 miles north of Milwaukee. The wording of the text may have seemed confusing.
- DEC., 1979: Sighting 4-6-17 should have been located "15 miles NNW" of #4-6-15, not "the last case" (#4-6-16).
- DEC., 1979: Lest anyone be mislead by the generalized "Milwaukee" location in the headline, the sighting took place in "South Milwaukee", a separate suburb as indicated under "PLACE".
- DEC., 1979: p. 11, top of 2nd column: Case #4-6-28 should have concluded with the missing word, "glow."

Our thanks to Richard Heiden (a Milwaukee resident) for calling these typos to our attention.

FOR THE RECORD

CORRESPONDENCE

THE PROBLEMS WITH RADAR

Dear IUR:

I am somewhat amused when radar UFO reports give significance to a "bogey" suddenly appearing or disappearing on a radar screen. Even the casual reader of radar text books may be left with the impression that radar returns are reflected or scattered from all in-view surfaces of a target. Actually (except with an actively transponding target), it is only those portions of the in-view target surface normal to the ray from the radar site which return detectable signals to the site. For example, a planar surface must be within a fraction of a degree of normal to view to produce a significant return. Thus it is only the many small convex surfaces of a conventional aircraft which reflect returns from nearly any aspect. Only spherical targets provide a uniform (if relatively weak) return from all aspects and many solid geometries cause no return-to-source whatever from many aspects.

If I were asked to select a solid geometry which would provide no radar return from most aspects and a minimal return from the few remaining aspects, I would suggest two shallow sphere segments joined to form a sharp circular edge! A cylindrical shape would get a close second place!

ALAN FISHER
Huntsville, TN

Like a plane fuselage, for example! Radar controllers have told us that without transponders, they would only be "painting" "raw" targets for 20-30% of the time they were within range. - Ed.

A SPACE-AGE PRANK?

Dear IUR:

With regard to case #4-6-32 described in the current Reporter (Vol. 4, No. 6), that was no "Mystery Sphere", that was a laser! Some years ago, a friend and I owned a small, low-power, helium-neon laser which we would take out on the roof and shine into neighbor's apartments. The effect produced is a small, bright red dot of light which travels along surfaces. The nature of the laser's brilliance and color would make it hard for one to focus clearly upon the spot, possibly leading to the impression that it was airborne!

The fact that the elderly witnesses feel that it was a prank, combined with the officer's observation of the "sphere" on the garage door would seem to confirm my feeling that this was indeed a prank, just as practiced by myself.

I would recommend that lasers be considered as possible explanations in the future. The temptation to play such pranks is strong and the results often dramatic. I might add that lasers aimed at low cloud cover at night could account for many other Nocturnal Light sightings, as it is easy to move a small laser in such a way as to create the illusion of flight and non-ballistic motion.

GUY MARSDEN
Venice, CA

IUR considered the idea of a light projection, but ruled it out. One witness saw the light come "through" an aluminum door in the laundry room... but there are no windows that would allow a laser to shine on the inside panel of the door from the outside. Furthermore, the light made its appearance on opposite sides of the building, and a laser system like yours has to be plugged into an AC socket.

P.S. Glad we weren't your neighbors... for our eyes' sake. -Ed.

ROYAL OBSERVER CORPS

Dear IUR:

I have just obtained a copy of your journal dated August, 1979. I have found it very interesting, particularly the reporting of the debate in the House of Lords on UFOs.

I do wish to draw your attention to one minor error in this article... made by Lord Gainford. The piece concerned can be found on page 10 of the journal; it reads: "Lord Gainford stuck his neck out (and) proposed that a volunteer force, like the now defunct Royal Observer Corps, be reactivated." I would like to point out that the Royal Observer Corps is still active and far from defunct as Lord Gainford seems to think. I know this is fact, as I have only recently resigned from the Corps myself and still have many friends serving in the R.O.C.

I will shortly be writing to his Lordship pointing out his error.

S.W. HENLEY
Investigations Coordinator
Nottingham UFO Investigation Society
ENGLAND

SPANISH UFO

Dear IUR:

In your report of the Spanish RV case (Dec. '79), you quote pilot Tejada as saying the two unknowns "descended 12,000 feet in 30 seconds... something no plane I know can do."

Perhaps Tejada was misquoted or there was an error in translation. There are plenty of aircraft within this capability; it comes to little more than 270 m.p.h. The Mirage, and indeed the Caravelle, could have done it easily.

JENNIE ZEIDMAN
Columbus, OH

1980 11th ANNUAL MUFON SYMPOSIUM

DATE: June 6th & 7th
PLACE: Sheraton-Kings Inn Hotel and Clear Lake High School, Houston, Texas

Tickets can be purchased at the door for each of three sessions; advance tickets for all sessions can be obtained for $10.50 from Dave Kissinger, Project VISIT, P.O. Box 877, Friendswood, Texas 77546.

U.S. SIGHTINGS

NOTE: IUR routinely affords confidentiality to all reporting witnesses. Witness names are withheld from print unless the news media have already released them, or the case is important enough to warrant seeking permission.

UFOS SELECTED FROM U.S. CASES: Nov. 15 - Dec. 31

This is a continuation of cases from last issue carried through the end of 1979. The first issue of Probe will highlight cases from January and February of 1980; also coming: a complete retrospective examination of all sighting reports from October, 1976 through December, 1979.

FAST NL IN CALIFORNIA

CASE NO.: 5-2- 1
TYPE: NL
DATE: 11-18-79
TIME: 1:15 AM
DURATION: 1 min.
WITNESSES: 1
PLACE: Antioch, California

In a "very clear" sky to the north of town, a 43-year old millwright watched a red light much brighter than an aircraft light fly from 20° up in the east around the horizon to the north. As the intensity of the light seemed to remain the same throughout the flight, the witness believed the light was flying in a curve around him at a constant distance, when it made it to the NE, it stopped for 3-5 seconds ("OK," the witness thought whimsically to himself, "watch closely!"). The light then flew up and away from him, climbing up to a position 70° above the NE horizon in 10-12 seconds. It changed colors gradually as it climbed from red to purple to pale blue and was gone in the distance.

THE MINI-FLAP OF WEST VIRGINIA

CASE NO.: 5-2- 2
TYPE: NL
DATE: 12-5-79
TIME: 5:55 PM
DURATION: 3 hrs. 25 min. (!)
WITNESSES: 7 plus several independent witnesses
PLACE: Ansted, West Virginia

Considerable press attention was given to this first of a series of Nocturnal Light cases in central West Virginia. Norma White, 43, watched from her restaurant what at first appeared to be a bright star about 5° above the mountains to the north of this rural town. It remained there, stationary, for about 15 minutes at an estimated altitude of 2000 feet over the mountains. Then it approached the witness, adding another estimated 2000 feet to its altitude before flying overhead at what seemed like 100 m.p.h. Mrs. White said it hurt her eyes to look at it. At this point, the brilliant light extinguished, allowing her to see a Y-shaped form which emitted a dim green light. At the three points of the "Y" were clusters of red lights; the bottom cluster was accompanied by a single white light. The angular size of this form was quite small, though, estimated by Mrs. White to be only 1/10 the size of a full moon. No sound could be heard as the form turned and flew off to the east, descending about 2000 feet again. Total transit time across the sky: 3 minutes. Visible as a bright distant light now, the object sat stationary for 15 minutes before 6 lights flew off of it, followed by another 6 lights ten minutes later. Over in the SW part of the sky 10 minutes later, another 6 lights made an appearance "in mid-air", making a total of 18 small colored lights flying around the sky, as well as the original source.

Two police officers arrived on the scene and watched the many lights in the sky, in addition to Mrs. White, her husband, 2 daughters and a student. Off. Charles Crosier was struck by the apparent abrupt vertical motions of the lights and the lack of sound. His partner, Off. Dan Cohenour, stated that what he saw simply looked like 8-10 aircraft with red and flashing white lights flying north-south and east-west across the sky for about 15-20 minutes of viewing. Eventually, Mrs. White said the UFOs disappeared by rising straight up and disappearing.

Off. Cohenour said that the number of calls received by the station that night were on the order of 10-20. Mrs. White posted a notice on the wall of her restaurant, inviting UFO witnesses to tell their stories. Her collection of names totals 200 in all, but these accounts allude to a variety of different sightings on different dates. One of these additional sightings investigated by IUR concerned a 46-year old insurance agent named Gary Poling. The date of the incident is uncertain, but it happened around the time of the Ansted event. Driving east of Ansted after dark on the same road as Mrs. White's restaurant, Poling saw light as bright as car headlights coming out of the trees off the road, perhaps 300-400 yards away. At this point, the engine of his '76 Plymouth Fury started missing, and the car could only achieve 45 m.p.h. with the pedal floored. The digital clock on his dashboard gained 3 hours in minutes, though his Bulova self-winding mechanical watch was not affected. These effects lasted 35-40 seconds, then quit, with the car accelerating up to 85 m.p.h. Poling said he his car had never behaved that way before (or since) and he thought nothing of it until he started hearing about the other stories in Ansted.

Off. Cohenour also established that the police had not tried calling any air force base at the time of the Dec. 5th sighting, contrary to claims in the press. Mrs. White informed us that Andrews Air Force Base was contacted about the incident with negative results; IUR did not learn of this incident in time to perform a meaningful check on aircraft exercises, but whatever happened that night, it was certainly conspicuous to a large number of people, and NL claims in the Ansted area reportedly continue to this day.

CONNECTICUT DISC

CASE NO.: 5-2- 3
TYPE: NL
DATE: 12-7-79

TIME: 10:10 PM
DURATION: 8-10 min.
WITNESSES: 2
PLACE: Madison, Connecticut

A 36-year old housewife reported seeing a milky-white saucer from Rt. 11, 1 mile NE of town with her husband, a 33-year old sales representative. Actually, the saucer shape is assumed from the elongated perspective seen... it was never viewed "face-on". It did have an angular size much larger than a full moon and a sharply-defined outline. Uniformly illuminated without surface details, the light was "milkier" in color than moonlight, and somewhat dimmer but distinct, nonetheless.

The witnesses made a right turn on Bishop Lane, a dark road with houses on 1-acre sites, and pulled over. The saucer was positioned low over the treeline in the west (the moon was also visible at the same time in a partly cloudy sky). Seemingly a quarter-mile away, the form would jump up at a 45° slant, then drop down again. They watched it make abrupt changes of direction and angle for a few minutes (confined to the western sky) before it faded from side.

No other reports from the police. The reporting witness seemed well above average in articulateness.

COAST GUARD SIGHTING IN IOWA

CASE NO.: 5-2-4
TYPE: NL
DATE: 12-9-79
TIME: 9:45 PM
DURATION: 3-5 min.
WITNESSES: 2
PLACE: Keokuk, Iowa

Michael Williams, SK1, a 32-year old member of the Coast Guard station here was backing a truck up when he spotted a brilliant white light stationary in the eastern sky, about 30° up. The light source appeared round with a dome protrusion; its angular size seemed larger than a full moon, but this was hard to determine because the light was so intense that he "could not look at it for more than a few seconds" -- indeed, it lit up the Mississippi River below it. Two seconds later, it rushed straight up at "tremendous speed", climbing to 40° up; as it rose, it changed color from white to red and came to an abrupt stop. It held that position for about 1 second, then the light extinguished.

"Shocked", the military man rushed indoors and told the 21-year old radioman to look outside with him. They spotted it again (or a second one) in the clear NE sky, 45° up, seemingly 2-3 miles away. This time, it looked a cluster of lights on a distant airplane. It stayed there long enough to view it through binoculars, which revealed two red lights and a white light flashing in an irregular manner. Then it flew low around the horizon over the Keokuk dam and into the distance in the WNW in a matter of seconds.

Interestingly, the Center for UFO Studies learned of the case because the Coast Guard District Office told them to contact us.

A CALIFORNIA "WHATSIT"

CASE NO.: 5-2-5
TYPE: DD
DATE: 12-23-79
TIME: 3:30-3:35 PM
DURATION: 10-15 sec.
WITNESSES: 1
PLACE: Fullerton, California

A 27-year old salesman facing south as he got off the Orange Freeway (57) at Riverside (91) spotted an unusual shape against the overcast sky coming at him. Moving at the speed of a slow aircraft, it passed over his car about 300 feet up, giving him a direct look at its front and underside before it went out of view.

Lengthwise, the first third of the underside was an octogon, with sides tapering down to a dome. The rear two thirds was a smooth rectangular box. The entire surface was dark grey with no surface details or visible means of propulsion. Its angular size as it passed overhead was about that of a sun or full moon (1/2°). Though the driver's window was open, he could hear no sound.

The witness tried calling the Fullerton police and the El Toro Marine base but gained no insights into the matter. Despite "light-to-moderate" traffic, no other reports were transmitted to the Center.

DAYLIGHT DISC IN OREGON

CASE NO.: 5-2-6
TYPE: DD
DATE: 12-27-79
TIME: 11:15 AM
DURATION: 4 min.
WITNESSES: 2
PLACE: Coquille, Oregon

Two men who do window construction, ages 39 and 25, were on their way to a job-related destination on the north side of this small residential town, UFOs being "the last thing on (our) minds". Driving south on Knot St., the older of the two noticed a bright flash in the clear southern sky through the top portion of his pickup's windshield. The gleam was sunlight reflecting off of a thin, metallic saucer with a dome in the center. The angular size was not particularly large (less than a sun or moon - 1/2°), but it was distinctly outlined and it wobbled around enabling them to see all aspects of the form, including a direct, face-on view of the circular underside as well as an edge-on profile. They estimated the saucer to be 40-50 feet in diameter and 6-7 feet thick.

The saucer initially descended from what seemed like a height of 3000 feet down to less than 1000 feet. The witnesses hopped out to look at it with inexpensive field glasses, then drove 1-2 blocks west and 3 blocks south to see it from a different angle. It proceeded further south at what seemed to be the same altitude as the top of a nearby radio station tower, located one mile away. As it flew slowly down the valley, it stopped a total of six times, wobbling around like a hubcap on the ground each time it did so. Finally, it grew too small to see in the distant southern sky. No noise was ever heard. The witnesses called the police, but no other reports were received.

FOREIGN FORUM

NOTE: IUR cannot exert the same "first-hand" control over foreign cases as domestic ones. It is of value, at least, to compare the reported characteristics of the phenomenon abroad with those from the U.S.

FOREIGN SIGHTING BACKLOG

IUR presents a selection of UFO sightings of note collected from the last year and a half.

KUWAITI LANDING

TYPE: CE II - EM
DATE: Nov. 10, 1978 (some accounts say "Nov. 9")
TIME: afternoon
DURATION: 7 minutes
WITNESSES: 7
PLACE: Umm Alaish, Kuwait
SOURCE: UPI, Kuwait Times, Arab Times

Seven technicians (including one American) at a Kuwaiti oil field some 90 miles from the capital reported sighting what security chief Brig. Mohammed al Hammad called the first UFO sighting in this country. The UFO was described as cylindrical with a huge dome and a flashing red light, as big as a jumbo jet. It landed without a sound in a field belonging to the Kuwait Oil Company, allegedly causing temporary disruption of telecommunications and the operations of an oil pumping station 250 yards away from the site. The men planned to examine it more closely but it took off after 7 minutes without leaving a trace. All of the equipment began functioning again, but the sighting had so unnerved the observers that work came to a complete halt. The technicians said they were "frozen with horror", that the object was definitely not a helicopter.

On the 16th of November, Brig. Gen. Al Hammad asserted that Kuwait lacked the technical capabilities to confirm or deny that a UFO had flown through Kuwaiti airspace. He also denied that a Cabinet-level fact-finding Committee would be formed, leaving the matter to the Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research (KISR). That group sent a team assisted by police and army personnel which confirmed the absence of any physical trace.

Another sighting on the 21st, the third reported in a 2-week period, raised some contradictions, though. Dozens of workers and security guards reportedly watched a UFO fly over a 20-foot water tower on the Al-Sabriyah oilfield near the Iraqi border. Then it hovered in the area for a half-hour starting at 5:30 AM before vanishing. Again, long-distance communications were knocked out (though not internal phones). This time, a man took pictures of the UFO with a camera supposedly supplied by the Kuwait Oil Co. for the express purpose of recording a UFO. Yet three days earlier, a spokesman for the oil company stated that rumors regarding the distribution of cameras to employees were baseless. Furthermore, a marine biologist working for the KISR wrote IUR to indicate that the photos and eyewitness accounts had been entrusted to a "special UFO investigation committee" set up by the council of Ministers... despite Al Hammad's claim to the contrary. The KISR biologist also surmised that the details would probably never be published.

Other accounts from Abu Dhabi on the 23rd and from a pilot flying over Kuwait on the 29th have also been received by IUR, but these seem to describe meteor activity.

A mock "letter" addressed to the UFO's presumed occupants appeared in the Kuwait Times, informing them that Kuwaitis don't hold it against them that they cut off their phone service for 7 minutes "because we are accustomed to such events."

CANADIAN TRACE?

TYPE: DD (CE II?)
DATE: Nov. 13, 1978
TIME: 4 PM
DURATION: 45-50 minutes
PLACE: Black Tickle, Labrador, Canada
SOURCE: first-hand interview; Journal UFO, Vol. 1, No. 3

Elizabeth McKibben, a British nurse at the International Grenfell Association Nursing Station, had her attention drawn by a teenage aide named Melita Dyson to a strange light source out the window. Looking west into the daylight, partly cloudy sky, the witnesses could see red/orange light similar to a star in angular size. This remained motionless low above the houses (an estimated 1000 feet up) for 30 minutes. It seemed that any section of cloud that touched the light would fade away. Then a second light source, larger than the first (but still much smaller than, say, a full moon) appeared suddenly and moved under the first one faster than a plane. It adopted a position to the right of the first light, and both began a slow descent into a thin grey cloud formation and were lost from view.

As this was a school holiday, several young students were outside to witness the event as well. They drew sketches for their teacher, Stephen MacDonald, that showed a red glowing sphere with blue, yellow and red lights around the perimeter. Four students drew two objects, one bigger than the other.

McKibben also noted that a fire had broken out across some frozen tundra 2 miles west of her about 3 hours prior to the sighting. According to research done by "Journal UFO", residents reported seeing "fire balls" from a clear sky hitting the ground. MacDonald went out to help put out the fires, which began as four fires that joined into one. The tundra had been frozen by a week's frost; reportedly, it would be difficult to set fire to it on a whim. Furthermore, it took the residents 50 minutes to get to the bog (known as Martins Pond) as there were no roads (and no sign of campers). The tundra burned in patches 40-80 feet wide and 200-300 feet long down to a depth of 6-8 inches. MacDonald was struck by the fact that when one fire was extinguished, another would spring up.

The link between the strange fires and the UFO was not directly established, of course, but IUR had MacDonald send samples to us for analysis. Testing by Dr. David Miletich revealed no residual radioactivity in the beta and gamma ranges; gas chromatography tests were also performed which found no trace of hydrocarbon fuels (oil, gasoline, kerosene). This confirms local testing of the soil and nearby water supply.

STRETCHING THE TRUTH IN THE PHILLIPINES

TYPE: NL
DATE: May 20, 1979
TIME: 8 AM
DURATION: 20 minutes
WITNESSES: 1+
PLACE: Davao, Phillipines
SOURCE: UPI; various Phillipino newspapers via Edwin Gatia

Remember the wire service coverage given to the American scientist who, in the company of 600 villagers, watched a "mothership" land near the huts of this community, 600 miles south of Manila? Reporter Bob Pratt flew to the Phillipines and met the reporter who wrote the article and the scientist, Ron Kruppa, 36, only to find there were no "600" witnesses accompanying Kruppa and the UFO did not land; these were only exaggerations (which is why IUR prints its disclaimer about the lack of first-hand information in each Foreign Forum section!). That Kruppa, a scientist working for the Film and Research for the Endangered Environment, did see a large UFO emitting smaller UFOs is true, however, as is the fact that Phillipino newspapers had been buzzing with similar accounts since April. The "Kapawa News Digest" (the "widely-read community newspaper in western Visayas") reported the observation of another "mothership" spewing out smaller UFOs by the population of Bacolod, Talisay, Silay City and E.B. Magalona on April 19. Police officers, truck drivers, fishermen and joggers outside in the early morning watched the UFOs arrange themselves into a V-formation and fly off "very fast" towards Mount Silay.
Though the number of witnesses suggests high altitude and the "blazing flames" and "changing colors" suggest a disintegrating meteor or satellite decay, the articles have the object "hovering" over the area. No duration information was provided.

Additionally, in May, residents of Legazpi City watched a glowing, "smoothly-gliding" disc for 10 minutes. The station manager of DZGB was able to broadcast "live coverage" of the disc which flashed rainbow colors as it flew off toward Rapu Rapu Island.

SOUTH AFRICAN CE III

TYPE: CE III (technically, the witnesses were somewhat more than 500 feet away from the sighting)
DATE: October 2, 1978
TIME: 11:15 AM
DURATION: more than 1 min.
WITNESSES: 4
PLACE: Groendal Reserve, near Despatch, South Africa
SOURCE: Cynthia Hind, Rhodesia

Four male students from Despatch, ages 12,13,15 and 16, went off on this overcast day to the heavily-wooded hills and valleys of this wild nature reserve for a hike. Waiting to be picked up near a stone monument, all four boys saw a silver gleam between the trees opposite them, which they took to be a large stone. Then, about 900 feet west of the silver object, stood two silver men. They were dressed in brilliant silver suits; no facial details could be seen on their silver heads. When they moved, they seemed to simply glide without walking... no arms or legs were visible. A third silver "man" joined them holding a silver suitcase but not with a visible arm or hand. The humanoids moved along a fence toward the top of a nearby hill; even then the adult-size figures remained upright and stiff without bending over. Suddenly the three vanished. One of the boys indicated that the large silver body vanished at the same time. It only took the beings 50-60 seconds to traverse the dense bush of the hill.

Subsequently, 3 forestry workers found strange, 7" oval footprints over a mile from the site. Sixteen days (and one heavy rain) later, three members of the South African police and two trackers went up the hill in question (nearly inaccessible due to the 6-foot bush growth!). A large area of depressed grass and trees was found with 8 marks placed symmetrically (and regularly) around the perimeter of the oval-shaped depression. Each mark contained three deep impressions. In addition, there were 4 marks within the oval. Two geologists from the University of Port Elizabeth inspected the site, noting the absence of burn marks or measurable radioactivity.

ANOTHER SOUTH AFRICAN CE III

TYPE: CE III
DATE: 1-4-79
TIME: just after midnight
DURATION: unstated
WITNESSES: 2
PLACE: Krugersdrop, South Africa
SOURCE: UPI; Cynthia Hind

Mrs. Meagan Quezet, a former nurse, and her 12-year old son reportedly went looking for their dog which had been barking and ran away from their home, 30 miles NW of Johannesburg. Driving along a lonely country road, they found the dog standing 20 yards away from a lead-colored, egg-shaped "spaceship" with landing legs. Five or six beings who resembled humans stood in front of it; they were dark-skinned, wore white or pink suits with shoes attached to their trousers. One wore a white "spaceman's" helmet. The bearded "leader" bowed at the waist to the woman and said something in an unintelligible high-pitched voice. She said "hello", then got excited and shouted to her son, Andre, to run for his father. The beings took off in their ship, which made a purring sound "like a bee flying".

No other residents in the area acknowledged seeing the event, nor were physical marks found on the ground. One investigator asserted that the neighbors called Meagan "highly imaginative". Cynthia Hind was present at the office of Dr. Bernard Levinson where the psychiatrist hypnotically regressed her on June 21. The transcript of the regression shows her talking in the present tense, being cajoled in English to look into the leaders eyes, to come aboard their ship and go with them back to the "lovely place" where they live, where she would be "happy". She protests, saying that she has children to tend. They do go on board, looking at lights,

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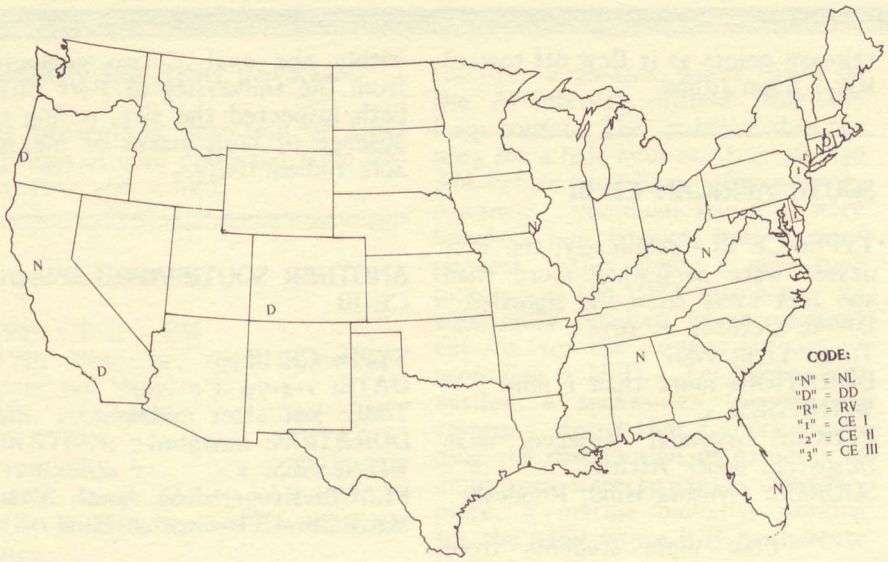

NOVEMBER

Total Number of Reports: 109
Number of UFO Reports: 5
UFOs: 5%

NL: 2
DD: 1
CE I: 2

DECEMBER

Total Number of Reports: 200
Number of UFO Reports: 8
UFOs: 4%

NL: 4
DD: 3
CE I: 1

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panels, chairs and a table in the middle. Then they jump out again, protesting that they can't go with them. The leader tells her to look into his eyes, "I'm going to say something to you and then you'll forget it afterwards. You'll never remember it." Dr. Levinson tried unsuccessfully to cajole this out of her.

Levinson surmised that this was a shared fantasy between mother and son. Cynthia Hind counters that certain details that were puzzling to the woman were better perceived by her son (e.g., the source of the pink glow around the craft puzzled Meagan, but was seen to originate from individual pink lights by Andre). The doctor also measured her Galvanic skin response during her account, and interpreted her reaction as that of a "highly strung" woman. Hind noted that she was very anxious about the whole hypnosis experience, fearing it would hurt her. Hind and the psychiatrist (who did not have any personal involvement in UFO research) thus have separate personal conclusions on the meaning of the Quezets' experience.

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